

# CAA News

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## REUNION LUNCHEON

The 2005 CAA reunion luncheon will be held on Friday, September 30, at The Club (formerly the NCO Club) on Andrews AFB. Besides a buffet luncheon, there will be music and door prizes. Flyers have already been mailed; if you didn't receive yours, please contact Ezilda Gorman at 301-736-7107 immediately.

## News From Alumni

*[Thanks to all who wrote. Let's hear from the rest of you too.]*

**Delores (Del) Coates** retired in August 2002 as secretary to the chief of TMO. Two years later, she married Clarence Evans and they moved into "The Parke," a retirement community in Ocean Pines, MD. They stay busy with activities in the clubhouse, the gym, and the indoor pool.

Since her retirement, **Pearl Bendison** has traveled to Hawaii and cruised to Belize. But she mainly is involved in charity work with her church.

**Pat Lancaster**, who retired a little over a year ago, spent the past year caring for her late father and father-in-law, and is now giving lots of attention to the surviving mothers. She and her husband traveled to Las Vegas a year ago for a reunion of her husband's service buddies, and they are planning another reunion next year in Branson, MO.

Meanwhile, they dote on two "adorable" grandsons.

**John Wikoff** and his wife Joy have entered "phase III" of their retirement in Chesapeake, VA, ending their cross-country travels in their RV. Since then they have taken a number of foreign trips, including Europe and the U.K., Russia, and China. John's new e-mail address is jrwikoff@verizon.net.

**Nancy Hope** is living with her daughter Ronnie in Lillian, AL, which boasts Gulf Shores Beach and is next to "the great Navy town" of Pensacola, FL. She says it's a wonderful place to retire, but that hurri-

cane Ivan did great damage. Lots of people lost their homes, and nearly a year later it still looks like a disaster area, with temporary trailer homes and blue tarps everywhere. Nancy is still writing for three local papers. She often thinks of old friends, including Helen Collins, "Dr. Sheldon and his Minnie the Moocher," Bob Speaker, and "Little Lulu" Santivanez. Her e-mail address is nancyhope@gulftel.com, and she would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

**Pearl Miller** retired in November 2004 and moved with her husband Bill to Florida in January 2005. They love their new house there, which took a year to be built. Pearl has had three surgeries but is doing fine now, and she and Bill hope to travel later this year.

**Tim Mullen** recently learned of and joined CAA. He came to Census in 1968 after 9 years in the Air Force as a navigator. In APSD under division chief Cecil Matthews, he worked his way up to become chief of the Records and Facilities Branch. In 1974 he moved to the Civil Service Commission, and later the same year to HUD. In 1980 he moved to Treasury, and in 1987 to an SES position as deputy director of administration at the National Labor Relations Board. Tim and his wife retired and moved to Florida's Gulf Coast in 1993. Their married daughter and two granddaughters still live in Maryland. Tim hopes to hear from old friends at the Bureau; his e-mail address is sftm@ewol.com.

**Marvin Postma** retired in 1987 with 38 years of government service, the last 17 years as Regional Director of the Kansas City Regional office. Shortly after retirement, he outfitted a van with kitchen equipment and a fold-down bed, and he and his wife drove it on a 31-day, 11,000-mile trip up the Alaskan Highway and back. Since then they have taken trips to various places in the "lower 48." He and his wife are now living in Weatherby Lake, MO. They stay busy with six grandchildren who live nearby, including 4-month-old twin girls. Marvin also serves

as a park inspector for eight nearby parks and has his own pontoon moving business. His e-mail address is marvinpostma@wmconnect.com, and he hopes to hear from old friends.

**Mary Jane McCoy** and her husband Robert retired in May 2002 and moved to Leland, NC, which is 5 miles south of Wilmington. They live in a lovely community called Magnolia Greens Golf Plantation, where they play lots of golf and take part in a book club. Janey recently got a hole-in-one on the 8th hole at Carolina National's Ibis course. She and Robert are on the road nearly every other month visiting friends and family as far away as California, Texas, Maryland, and Virginia. They would love to hear from old friends; write them at mccoys6@ec.rr.com..

## DEATHS

*[Please forward any obituaries of former Census Bureau employees you see in papers outside the DC area.]*

**Roy Donald Musselman**, 81, died May 2 of a ruptured hepatic artery aneurism. He went to work at the Census Bureau in 1949, then went to the Department of the Air Force. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Norma, two children, a sister, and seven grandchildren.

**Charles A. Avent, Jr.**, 72, died April 26 of cancer at his home in Bowie, MD. He met his wife Dorothy in 1957 while riding in a carpool to the Census Bureau; they married 2 years later. Avent began his career at Census as a computer operator on the UNIVAC system. He had been a shift supervisor and later chief of the Data Management Branch in Computer Services Division for many years. He retired in 1988 as chief of the data management branch. He used his computer knowledge to help the Census credit union, of which he was a board member, convert to computerized banking.

He was a voracious reader and a dedicated fisherman. He worked as a bailiff in the circuit court of Prince George's County from 1993 to 2003, when his health began to fail. For more than 30 years he was deeply involved with the Mental Health Association of Prince George's, Inc., serving twice as their president, and he helped plan the group's 50th anniversary celebration, which was held 2-1/2 weeks after his death and was dedicated to him. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Dorothy, a

daughter, four sisters, a brother, and two granddaughters.

**Mildred B. Geagley** died June 9. She served as secretary to Ross Eckler during his terms as Deputy Director and Director of the Bureau. She was known and loved for her great sense of humor. Survivors include four children, seven grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Further details were not available.

**Irving Weiss** died June 15. He had worked in Foreign Trade Division, then moved to be chief of the Jeffersonville Operations Division. Survivors include a son, a brother, a sister, and four grandchildren.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Davis**, 85, died July 11 of a heart attack at her home in Lusby, MD. During World War II she worked for the War Department. She resumed her government career in 1965, working in data entry for the Census Bureau and later in the library for the Navy Oceanographic Office. She retired in 1978. Survivors include her husband of nearly 60 years, Harold "Spike" Davis, five children, a brother, and seven grandchildren.

Irving Gedanken died August 25.. He began his government career at BES (later BEA), then moved to Census as a survey statistician in Population Division. Most of his career was at the Federal Reserve Board, and he retired from there as chief statistician in 1978. Survivors include his wife Elaine, two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

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Your contributions are welcome on any subject of interest to former Census Bureau employees, especially news of yourselves and your families. Please send contributions to gmann928@hotmail.com or to CAA, P.O. Box 1480, Suitland, MD 20752. (E-mail is preferred.)